

Russian Spearheads Near Rumania

Yank Planes Hit Germany

By GLADWIN HILL
LONDON, March 23 (AP)—Striking the second day in a row in the wake of a 1,000-plane RAF night raid aimed chiefly at Frankfurt, approximately 1,500 American bombers and fighters bombed the German air force on its home bases in western Germany today.

The American raiding force, which included upwards of 500 Fortresses and Liberators, bombed the Brunswick district, the aircraft park at Werl, 40 miles east of Essen, Achmer air force station in Oldenburg to the south and the German base at Handorf a U.S. Army Air Force announcement said.

Stevenson Is Candidate For Reelection

AUSTIN, March 23 (AP)—Governor Coke R. Stevenson today announced his candidacy for democratic renomination.

The governor will be seeking his second elective term. As lieutenant governor he became governor in succession to W. Lee O'Daniel in August, 1941, when O'Daniel took his seat in the United States senate. Stevenson was the democratic nominee for governor in 1942 and was elected to a full term in the general election of that year.

His announcement, long expected, was made at a press conference.

Puffing a briar pipe, Stevenson looked out the window, observed that the sun was shining and remarked:

"Well this looks like a good day to file notice of my candidacy with Charley Simons."

Simons is secretary of the state democratic executive committee.

Answering a question the governor said he would have no platform, adding:

"I have gained the impression everywhere I go that most people appreciate the efforts made in my administration toward balancing the budget."

He was referring to the reduction in the general fund deficit which has dropped from \$33,600,000 in 1941 to approximately \$12,000,000.

The rate of reduction has increased in the last calendar year and may be expedited even more if courts allow transfer of unused special fund balances to the general fund. The transfers were authorized in legislation recommended by Stevenson but are now involved in litigation.

The last legislature reduced general fund appropriations in line with Stevenson's recommendations for reductions consistent with efficiency.

The governor estimated the general fund deficit may decrease to \$5,000,000 by next year.

No new taxes have been recommended or voted during his administration.

The governor declared that a balanced budget was all the more imperative in view of the fact that state necessarily must increase appropriations in the post-war period. This is to provide for new buildings and repairs blocked by wartime priorities and for salary increases, he said. He estimated a general salary increase of 15 per cent for state workers would cost about \$2,000,000 a year.

Stevenson said he planned no formal address, by radio or otherwise, to announce his candidacy for renomination.

Well Known Writer Is In Big Spring

Mary Austin, well-known Texas writer, is in Big Spring resting following her stay in Mineral Wells where she has been ill.

Forced to come to a higher climate, Miss Austin plans to remain here for several weeks.

Author of "Mad Moon," she has also written other books, and until her condition prevented it, wrote weekly features for the New York Times.

Contract Signed For Irrigation Project

McAllen, March 23 (AP)—Mexico has signed a contract with Construction Continental, S. A., of which three U. S. firms will serve as supervising contractors, to complete the main and lateral canals in northern Mexico's El Azucar dam and irrigation project 75 miles southwest of here.

Completion of the project, whose impoundment already is at work forming a giant lake with the waters of the Rio San Juan, is anticipated within two years.

Jap Columns Are Threat To Road Center

Enemy Force Drives Over 80 Miles Up Manipur Valley

By CHARLES A. GRUMICH

NEW DELHI, March 23 (AP)—Japanese columns invading India now threaten Imphal, key road center in Manipur, from the south and east. It was disclosed today when Allied headquarters told of an enemy force which has driven more than 80 miles up the lower Manipur river valley from Tiddim in the Chin Hills area.

The headquarters statement said the column was 30 miles from Imphal.

This report of a second invasion of India within 24 hours by the Japanese ran counter to previous reports of activity in the Tiddim area, where earlier announcements indicated the enemy was confined within the Burma borders.

Yesterday's report said an Allied force had been dispatched to deal with Japanese outflanking units north of Tiddim, but gave no hint that the enemy had slammed 80 miles into India from the south as well as from the east.

The eastern Japanese invasion force was also reported about 30 miles away from Imphal.

The rice paddies of the Imphal plain would be readily adaptable to airstrips, if the Japanese have the planes available to use them.

When and if the fighting breaks into the open plain, the Allied air superiority against the almost non-existent or carefully husbanded Japanese air strength in this theater is expected to play a heavy role.

Japanese pressure appeared to be growing along the whole Burma front, although headquarters here said Allied troops were converging on the enemy invasion columns in India.

Japanese activity was especially noticeable to the south on the coastal plain below Maungdaw in Arakan and in the western foothills of the Mayu mountain range, the communiqué said, with Allied bombers and fighters maintaining a ceaseless offensive against objectives in these areas, as well as positions in the Chindwin valley, the Chin Hills and Kaladan.

In North Burma, Chinese forces were engaged in heavy fighting in the northern part of the Mogaung valley after conquest of the Hukawng valley, and were battling strong Japanese forces northeast of Shadupet.

There was little information in the Allied war bulletin concerning the progress of the Japanese eastern penetration. It merely stated:

"In the Soma Hill tracts the operations which were reported yesterday against the Japanese column which has crossed the Chindwin are continuing."

Pipeline Probe Opened By Senate

WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP)—The senate's new 11-man oil committee today began an investigation into plans for a pipeline to transport oil from the Persian Gulf area to the Mediterranean.

The committee was set up by one senator as an attempt of the administration to get into the private oil business.

The criticism was made by Senator Moore (R-Okl.) of a program sponsored by Interior Secretary Harold Ickes.

Meanwhile, a report by a U. S. technical mission tells of enormous oil deposits in the locale of the proposed pipeline.

The report, dated Feb. 1, four days before the Petroleum Reserve Corporation announced the pipeline agreement, said that:

"The center of gravity of world oil production is shifting from the Gulf of Mexico-Caribbean area to the Persian Gulf area and is likely to continue to shift until it is 'firmly established' there."

Oil reserves either actually proved or indicated by already-discovered fields in Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Qatar are between 25 and 27 billion barrels—comparable with United States reserves.

The three companies for whose oil the government intends to build a pipeline to the Mediterranean, and which have agreed to set aside a billion barrels for U. S. army forces, are Standard of California, the Texas Company and Gulf.

Army Seeks Illness Epidemic Source

BAY CITY, March 23 (AP)—Army authorities at San Antonio today were reported conducting laboratory tests of food, milk and water in an effort to determine the source of an epidemic which caused illness to about 2,000 persons here Sunday.

Samples were sent to nearby Camp Hulen and officials there forwarded them to San Antonio Army headquarters for tests.

City and county health officials said they believed the epidemic was caused by insecticide poisoning placed on vegetables shipped here. The illness caused nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

Doctors reported treating about 500 persons since the illness first was noticed Friday and estimated 1,500 others treated themselves at home. Drug stores were flooded with calls for medicine.



Fires Rocket Target—An anti-aircraft rocket target, used in the training of anti-aircraft gunners at Camp Carson, Colo., is fired from a nearby foxhole by Lt. James S. Mahon, of Eastland, Tex. The rocket target, four feet long with fins at the rear, reached a speed estimated at 475 miles an hour, and has a range of 2,200 feet. (AP Wirephoto from Signal Corps.)

5th Army Forces Beat Off Attacks

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, March 23 (AP)—Fifth Army forces doggedly flung back German attacks yesterday on their Cassino positions while in the air war Allied bombers struck sharply at enemy supply lines in northern Italy.

In the southern section of Cassino, New Zealanders still were engaging the enemy at close quarters. Allied artillery knocked out a German tank emplaced in one wrecked building, raising to five the total destroyed in the week of fighting.

Westward along the lower slopes of Monastery Hill Allied forces kept up their attacks. The Germans counter-attacked against Hill 193, a key height just northwest of the town early yesterday, but were thrown back, leaving 30 prisoners in Allied hands.

The Germans also lunged forward in two strong attacks in a new sector—near Monte Castellone, three miles northwest of Cassino, but French troops broke up and repulsed their formations with artillery fire.

Rail lines in northern Italy were hit heavily yesterday and last night, both heavy and lighter bombers participating.

American Flying Fortresses and Liberators hit Verona and Bologna, on the route south from the Brenner Pass, as well as Rimini, important junction point on the Adriatic midway between Venice and Ancona. Padua, west of Venice, was attacked by night-flying RAF Liberators and Wellingtons.

Medium and light bombers also joined in the railway attacks. Poggibonsi and Arezzo, south of Florence, and Popoli, in front of the Eighth army line.

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Men Under 26 Will Be Taken Unless Needed

WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP)—The War Production Board, Army and Navy do not plan to recommend men under 26 for industrial deferments unless the items they are working on are as "critical" and urgently required to meet immediate war objectives, it was learned today.

An extremely tough policy, laying heavy emphasis on requirement for invasion weapons, was indicated in a letter tentatively drawn by C. E. Wilson, chairman of the production executive committee, to be sent to manufacturers, telling them exactly what to do if they have young men in the critical programs whom they believe to be irreplaceable.

Informed sources said the letter is subject to possible changes by the representatives of WPB, Army, Navy and War Manpower Commission on the production executive committee. This committee has been working out machinery by which state draft directors will be guided in deciding which men under 26 they will earmark for deferment.

But as it stood today, the war programs to be included were: Landing craft, including "ducks"; Synthetic rubber and 100-octane gasoline plants;

Tires and tubes, both for aircraft and combat and heavy-duty trucks and buses, including necessary tire cord, fabric and molds;

High tenacity rayon for war products;

Certain airplanes;

Certain types of radar;

Certain submarine plants;

And a secret weapon.

Gainesville Man Given Navy Cross

DALLAS, March 23 (AP)—Secretary Frank Knox of the Navy has awarded the Navy Cross to Commander Roy A. Newton, USN, of Gainesville for extraordinary heroism as commanding officer of a destroyer during an engagement with Japanese naval forces in Vella Gulf, Solomon Islands, on the night of August 6-7, 1943.

Commander Newton, a native of Gainesville, is 37. His father is R. E. Newton of Franklin.

The Navy said his ship participated in a well-timed and perfectly-coordinated gun and torpedo attack.

"Commander Newton successfully maneuvered for maximum fire power and struck boldly and with relentless determination, contributing materially to the success of our destroyer force in sinking a Japanese cruiser and three destroyers," the Navy citation said.

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Premier Nicholas Kallay had escaped to southern Hungary and had sent out an appeal for help from abroad, and that Yugoslav Marshal Tito had established contact with Hungarian forces.

In the first official Nazi announcement since German armed forces crossed Hungary's borders early Monday, the Berlin radio said yesterday a new government had been formed in Budapest under a quailing premier and a German gaudier.

The fate of Hungary was "an example for countries failing to fall in line as Hitler strove to build up an eastern wall of defense against the fast-moving Russians."

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Reds Are Only 25 Miles From Prut River Boundary

LONDON, March 23 (AP)—Spearheads of the Red army have driven to within 25 miles of the Prut river border of Rumania below the fallen German bastion of Mogilev Podolski, Moscow dispatches indicated today, and Berlin reported the opening of a new Soviet offensive from the Tarnopol-Proskurov sector apparently aimed at trapping large Nazi forces in the Vinnitsa area.

An increased threat to Rumania developed as Marshal Ivan S. Konev's Second Ukrainian army widened its Dniester river beachhead below Mogilev Podolski in a smashing drive which the Russians said carried the town of Nadushita, 20 miles west of the Dniester river.

Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's First Ukrainian army continued its slow but steady push southwest of Kremenets toward the large industrial center of Lwow. More than 1,000 Germans were killed, many prisoners and much booty captured in a single battle in this area, a Soviet bulletin asserted.

On the southeastern end of the 500-mile-long Ukrainian front, Gen. Rodion Y. Malinovsky's forces staggered the German line by capturing the important fortified railway junction of Pervomaisk, driving to the approaches of Vonesensk, 85 miles northeast of Odessa, and reaching a point eight miles from Nikolaev on the Bug river estuary, Moscow announced.

Pervomaisk and Vonesensk, 40 miles to the south, had been blocking the Russian advance on Nikolaev and Odessa. Fall of Vonesensk, which appeared imminent, would clear the path to both Black Sea ports.

Moscow, often silent when an important Soviet movement is in progress, made no mention of the German-reported drive from the Tarnopol sector, but Berlin described it as "a great flanking attack" in support of the Russian forces operating further south.

The Nazi announcement said German forces were falling back under strong pressure by infantry and tanks.

The missing total given today by Stimson was 10,375, an increase of 352 over the previous figure.

The casualties in Italy were as follows: killed 5,749; wounded, 23,035; missing 10,274.

The 126,193 army casualties since the start of the war were divided as follows: killed 21,737; wounded 50,363; missing 26,747; prisoners 27,346.

Of the wounded, Stimson said, 26,459 have been returned to duty, of the prisoners, 1,674 have been reported by the enemy to have died of disease in prison camps. Stimson said most of these deaths occurred in Japanese-occupied territory and that the total undoubtedly was larger than the figures reported.

The navy's casualties are as follows: killed 17,887; wounded 10,754; missing 9,036; prisoners of war, 4,422.

The total naval casualties of 42,099 are divided as follows: navy 27,790; marines 13,854; coast guard 445.

Battle Warms For Seat In Congress

MUSKOGEE, Okla., March 23 (AP)—Oklahoma's second district congressional campaign moved into the final stage today, with Senator E. H. Moore declaring a republican triumph might bring the fourth term movement to an end.

The contest, watched nationally as a barometer of 1944 political sentiment, is between republican E. O. Clark and democrat W. G. Stigler. The election in the normally democratic district will be held Tuesday.

Sensor W. Lee O'Daniel (D-Tex.), an outspoken New Deal critic, will follow Moore into the district today. He is scheduled to address a Clark rally at Muskogee tonight, although he said he was speaking merely against the New Deal and not necessarily for the candidate.

Senator Alben Barkley of Kentucky will speak for Stigler Monday at Okmulgee and Muskogee. Moore took time to criticize Barkley in his address, declaring the "senate majority leader" "brave and courageous stand" on President Roosevelt's tax bill veto was nullified "under pressure and fear" when he sent "his trucking letter" to the White House.

Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., and the British foreign office.

There has been speculation abroad that these conferences which might be followed by another meeting between Churchill and President Roosevelt.

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Paperhanger Plans To Take Over Balkans With Aquisition Of Rumanian Government

By WILLIAM SMITH WHITE

LONDON, March 23 (AP)—Maneuvering swiftly to caulk his Balkan dike against the Russian flood, Adolf Hitler appeared today to be about to kidnap the Rumanian government as he already has abducted that of Hungary.

There were widespread reports that Premier Ion Antonescu of Rumania has been summoned to Hitler's presence as Admiral Nicholas Horthy, regent of Hungary, had gone before him. There was speculation that Antonescu

was likely to be kicked out because of German suspicions that he was involved in peace overtures toward the Soviet.

The British radio at once began broadcasting this warning to the Rumanians:

"Rumanian leaders have been called to Hitler's headquarters. If you oppose Germany, Germany will wreak vengeance on you, but if you oppose the Allies an even graver fate is in store x x x. German transport is exposed and runs through Rumania. Concerted evidence of

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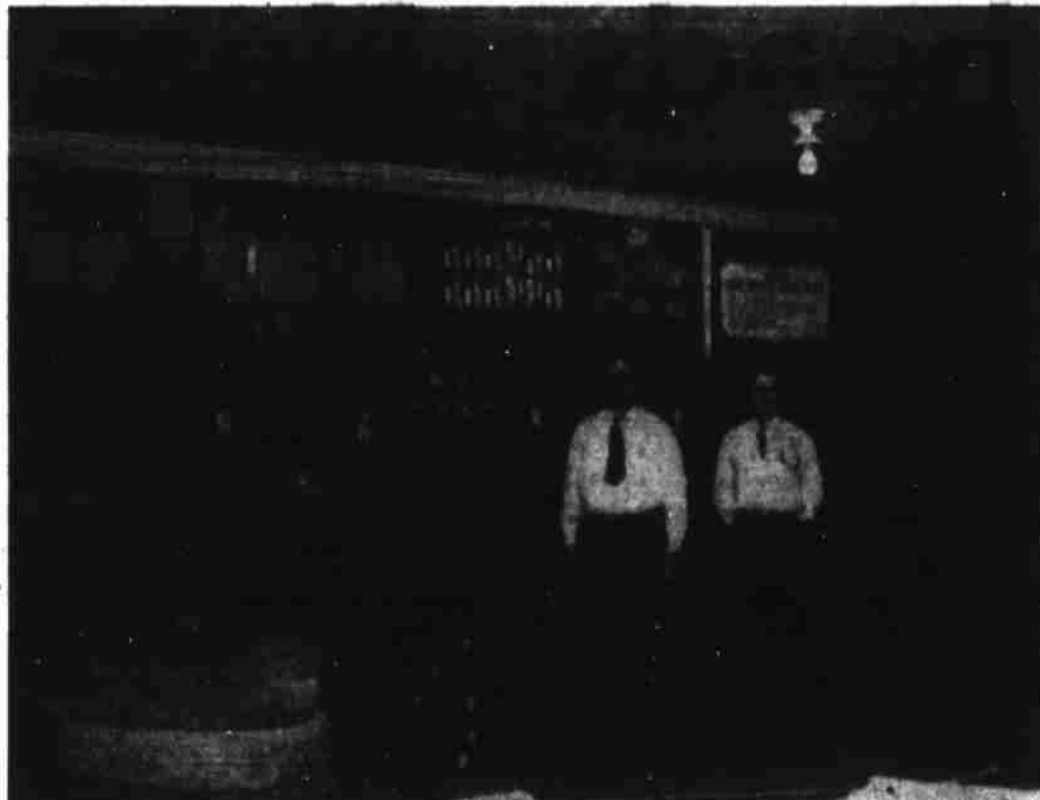
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Keeping in step with the patriotic pace set by Shell, Ted O. Groehl, manager of the Westex Oil company here, manages to take time out from his business to handle chairmanship of war loan drives, despite business handicaps, manpower shortages and other problems borne of the war which keep officials hopping. The local company is the distribution center for Shell products throughout all the south-west Texas and northeast New Mexico, specializing in lubrication

of oil field equipment. The company established headquarters in 1933.

Westex has production in three fields in the Permian basin which also is handled through the local office.

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Young Howard County Soldier Owes His Life To Inflamed Ears

T/Sgt. Oscar N. Smith puts a great deal of stock in his ears. In fact, he owes his life to them.

This young Howard county soldier, now stationed at Sioux Falls, S. D. Army Air Field, to which he returned following a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Smith of Knott, told how his ears turned the trick — and not in the way you'd expect it.

"It happened the day our Fortness was to fly on a dangerous mission over Rabaul," he said. "Most of our crew were grounded that day for one reason or another. I wasn't permitted to go up because my ears were slightly inflamed."

Our regular engineer and ball turret gunner went along with a substitute crew but never returned. Three Zeros, attacking the Fort head on, shot it down and everyone on board was killed.

Sgt. Smith was in on the Bismarck Sea battle and classed it as the most dangerous and exciting of his career of 34 combat missions. It was of such tremendous scope that "everywhere you looked something was going on. Jap and American fighters were dog-fighting all over the sky. Men parachuting out of smoking planes, were strafed. The sea was cov-

ered with wreckage and transports. Black smoke and flame rose from the ones our bombs had hit."

"The water itself was littered with floating plane wrecks and sinking ship hulls. As we flew low, we could see men struggling in the water. Occasionally a head would disappear under the surface and a large blotch of red would cover the water. Sharks."

The rule about wearing parachutes at all time, according to Smith, who was a radio and machine gunner operator, is loosely observed because most men don't want to run the risk of being strafed after parachuting, and of becoming a Jap prisoner.

Night fighting proved particularly hazardous, for the Japs could throw up so many searchlights and so much flak that it was hardly possible to see the plane flying next in formation. Over Rabaul some of the farm boy gunners observed that the enemy was "throwing everything at us including John Deere cultivators."

Two musts are these: Each man must have his canteen and knife strapped to his belt while on missions in event the ship is shot down; each member must put on his GI helmet when approaching a target. "Our tall gunner's life was saved by his helmet," said Sgt. Smith. A shell burst over his head and shrapnel pierced his body. So many fragments hit the helmet with such force that "we could hear that helmet ringing for weeks afterwards."

Attire in the combat zone is optional, from shorts to fatigue.

Sgt. Smith had training at Sheppard Field, got radio training at Scott Field, Ill., his gunnery at Tindall Field, Fla., and had other hitches at Alamogordo, N. M., Biggs Field, at El Paso and Tropic, Kas., before going to the Southwest Pacific. Currently, he is instructing in radio at Sioux Falls.

Red Cross Goal Topped In Drive

With \$25,266 accounted and more still coming in, the Howard-Glasscock county chapter of the American Red Cross was officially "over the top" on its \$24,800 record quota Wednesday.

Not only happy over the fact that the goal had been done, but that people who have not yet given are making it a point to have a part, A. V. Karcher, general war fund chairman, predicted that the total would be swelled substantially yet.

When the last totals were taken Saturday evening, the campaign was \$245 short of the goal. Since then, said Karcher, scores of people have made voluntary contributions, leaving them with the Empire Southern Service company — where headquarters had been maintained — with the Red Cross offices at Fourth and Scurry, and with Reba Baker, treasurer, at the First National bank.

Some workers have reported to Karcher that they still have reports to make. Two reports made Tuesday contained about \$100 each.

This week a collection will be taken at theatres for the Red Cross.

Friday evening the Lions and Kiwanis clubs will meet in a basketball game (8 o'clock) in the high school gymnasium, entire receipts to go to Red Cross.

"Every real American in the chapter limits shares with me the sense of pride which is justified in the accomplishment of our fund drive," Karcher said. "Perhaps the only thanks any one deserves is already earned in the satisfaction of seeing the job so well done, but I would like to add to this my sincere, personal thanks to every individual, group and firm which participated in any way. To Empire Southern Service, which furnished headquarters space and assisted our workers, to those who served on committees, who worked on teams who canvassed fellow employees or rang doorbells or walked across plowed fields in the name of Red Cross, yes even to those who could not give but wished us well. I want to say thanks on behalf of the Howard-Glasscock chapter."

Texas Flag Needed To Be Used By The Rainbow Division

Anyone have a Texas flag? Judge James T. Brooks, county judge, is seeking a Texas flag to send to the Rainbow division for use during its training period at Camp Gruber, Okla.

J. W. Haynie of Stanton called attention of Judge Brooks to the fact the division, which has 36 of the 48 state flags, still lacks a Texas flag.

When the division called for state flags for Activation day ceremonies, the Texas flag was lost in transit. Another was sent by automobile for the ceremonies, but later was returned.

The division since then has decided to collect flags from all states for use in other ceremonies during the training period and to store in Liberty memorial at Kansas City, Mo., memorial to dead of World War I, after the division goes overseas.

If any Howard county resident has a flag to donate for the purpose, credit will be given to the donor when presentation is made to the division, said Judge Brooks.

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Japanese Start Offensive—Arrows indicate major drives in Burma, where Japs have begun an offensive along the Chindwin river, apparently aiming at Imphal, in India. Japanese appeared to be attempting to break into the supply system feeding American and Chinese troops on the northern front. Allies are on offensive in the north and south and have established air-borne troops southeast of Myitkyina (a) behind Jap lines. (AP Wire-photo).

Farms Assured Of Set Prices

Assurance to Howard county farmers that they can "go ahead with all-out production program this year without fear of a collapse in prices" was given by L. H. Thomas, chairman of the county AAA committee, following a review of price schedules which were made effective by Congress' provision for carrying out the price support program.

A brief summary of the support price program for principal farm products grown in Howard county was announced by the committee. Complete information on methods to be used for supporting prices on the various commodities may be obtained at the county AAA office or from community AAA committees.

The program for principal products in the county follows:

Wheat—Non-recourse loans at 85 per cent of the parity price as of July 1, 1944, on wheat stored on farms or in warehouses.

Cotton—Non-recourse loans at 90 per cent of the parity price as of Aug. 1, 1944 on cotton stored on the farm or in warehouses.

Peanuts—The War Food Administration will be the only authorized buyer of 1944 crop peanuts and will enter into contracts with shellers, crushers and producer cooperative associations under which they will agree to purchase peanuts from producers for the account of the administration at \$160 per ton for Spanish, Virginia and Valencia types and \$145 per ton for runner types.

Blackeye peas—The War Food Administration will purchase blackeye peas in carload lots, cleaned and bagged, F.O.B. cars at county shipping points at \$5.75 per hundred pounds for U. S. No. 1 grade; \$5.60 for U. S. No. 2 grade, and \$5.35 for U. S. No. 3 grade.

Edible beans—Non-recourse loans on thrasher-run beans stored on the farm or in warehouses if storage charges are paid through April 30, 1945, at \$5.50 per hundred pounds for U. S. No. 1 grade; \$5.35 for No. 2, and \$5.10 for No. 3. Loans will be made through County Agricultural conservation (AAA) committees.

Grain sorghum—Non-recourse loans on grain sorghums stored on farms or in warehouses at 95 cents per bushel for No. 2 or better—a deduction of 7 cents per bushel for warehouse stored grain sorghums unless storage is paid through April 30, 1945.

Hogs—The WFA will support until Sept. 30, 1945, the price on good choice hogs weighing 200 to 270 pounds at \$13.75, Chicago basis, and from Oct. 1, 1945, through March 31, 1945, hogs weighing 200 to 240 at \$12.40. Good to choice hogs weighing 270 to 330 pounds will be supported for a limited period at \$13.75 Chicago basis.

Eggs—The WFA will support prices to producers for eggs at 90 per cent of parity price, but in no event less than a U. S. average farm price of 30 cents per dozen in the spring and early summer, and an annual average U. S. price of 34 cents per dozen.

Turkeys and chickens—The WFA will support prices to producers of turkeys and chickens (excluding broilers and chickens weighing less than three pounds live weight) at 90 per cent of the parity price, but in no event less than specified prices which will be announced later. The method of support also will be announced at that time.



A. V. KARCHER

Karcher Named Head Of Rotary

A. V. Karcher, treasurer of Corden Petroleum Corp., was elected Tuesday as president of the Big Spring Rotary club.

He will succeed William T. Tate on July 1 as head of the organization. Tate at that time will automatically become a member of the board.

Other officers chosen by Rotarians were the Rev. P. D. (Dick) O'Brien, vice-president; Ira Driver, secretary; Marvin K. House, Sr., treasurer; H. D. Norris, Dave Duncan, J. B. Mull and Charles White, directors.

Local War Hero Is Expected On Visit

First Lieut. Inman G. Jobe, son of Mrs. Tina Jobe, is expected to visit his mother here soon.

Holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross, the air medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Flying Fortress pilot has just returned from England with a record of 25 bombing missions over Germany, France, Belgium, Holland, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, and the mission over Knaevan, Norway. His experiences include a crash landing in southern England on two engines.

Mrs. Jobe has not seen her son since his return to the US two weeks ago, for he hurried to Quanah for a reunion with his wife, the former Mary Lee Deane of Quanah, and to see their baby, whom he had not seen.

Davidsons Arrive To Make Home Here

Frank L. Davidson, who is to be terminal manager for Continental Air Lines here, accompanied by Mrs. Davidson, has arrived to begin preparations for opening the new office here.

Service on the new route, which connects Big Spring with El Paso and Denver, Colo. by way of Hobbs, N. M. and with San Antonio by way of San Angelo to the south, is to start possibly by the middle of April.

Meanwhile, air traffic over American Airlines continues at a capacity pace. Notwithstanding the record volume, an average of nearly two priority passengers a day have been worked in from here during the past month, W. B. (Bill) Marshall, terminal manager, reported.

Income Payments For March Much Lower

AUSTIN, March 21 (AP)—Texans in the first internal revenue district will pay an estimated \$50,000,000 in income taxes this month, Collector Frank Scofield said today.

March payments now total more than \$45,500,000, a decrease of \$1,750,000 from the March 20 payment last year. The decrease is due to payments made last September and December on 1943 income.

Stassen Will Accept Draft Of Republicans

WASHINGTON, March 21 (AP)—Lieutenant Commander Harold E. Stassen, former republican governor of Minnesota, advised Secretary of the Navy Knox today that he will not seek the republican presidential nomination but will accept it if offered.

Stassen disclosed his stand in a letter addressed to Secretary of the Navy Knox and read by Knox to newsmen today.

The former governor, who now is flag secretary of the staff of Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr., commander of the South Pacific Forces, said that numerous questions were being asked of him "as to my attitude toward the current inclusion of my name in the presidential nomination discussion."

Knox, reading the letter in full, interpolated in the quotation a comment that "This is Stassen's statement."

"I do not seek and will do nothing personally to secure the nomination. If, notwithstanding this position I were to be nominated, I would consider it to be my plain duty to accept and would do so, requesting inactive duty for a sufficient time to discuss with the people the issues and problems of the future."

"I wish to make it equally clear that I will make no statement on political issues while on active duty, that I do not wish any publicity of my activities in the navy to be used in a political manner, and that no one is authorized to make personal commitments on my behalf."

"I will continue to carry out to the best of my ability those naval duties assigned to me."

Regardless of whether FWA gives approval to a development project which will approximate a million dollars in cost, "this summer is going to be the roughest in our history" so far as a water shortage is concerned, B. J. McDaniel, city manager, said in an address before the Lions club Wednesday.

Peak demand last summer was more than three million gallons a day, he said, while the available supply is for only a million and a half. "Even if the lakes were filled tonight (and there is not a drop available there now), we would still be unable to meet the water demand," said the manager in an appeal for conservation.

He traced development of the water supply from the original "big spring," to the delivery by wagon and later by clay pipe from windmill source, to the drilling of wells further to the south and east, and finally the construction of two lakes in 1936-37.

"I believe that our water shortage is not because of any unwise action by city commissions in the past, but because our town is growing," he declared. "Some people argue that we do not need more water. I say we do unless we want to drop back and stop growing."

US Geological Survey and Texas Board of Water Engineer surveys indicate that the best hope of underground supply lies to the south, according to the manager, who felt that if this is tapped, "the people ought to start right then to think about going on further to develop an unlimited supply." In his opinion, this would call for a damsite on the North Concho. Lines to the proposed underground supply will carry four million gallons per day, which would make them suitable for extension, he said.

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At Sea—Having earned his commission as a midshipman, Wayne Burleson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Burleson, is presumed to be at sea now. He was graduated March 3 from the US Merchant Marine Cadet Basic school at San Mateo, Calif., and his parents have not heard from him since that time. Wayne ranked third in his class. He is a 1940 graduate of Big Spring high school, arrived in Pearl Harbor on Dec. 1, 1941, less than a week before the infamous attack, and worked there two years as a machinist before securing permission to join the merchant marine.

New Eruption Covers Area Around Pompei

ON THE SLOPES OF VESUVIUS, March 22 (AP)—A great new eruption from Mt. Vesuvius today covered the area around Pompei with a two-inch layer of lava hurled through the air in chunks, and sent a gigantic plume of smoke and ash billowing into the sky.

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Mexican Cookery

Frijoles De Gebhardt En Anillo De Arroz
(Gebhardt's Beans in Rice Rings)
1 c. rice
1 t. salt
4 c. water
No. 2 can Gebhardt's Mexican style Beans
Steam rice in salted water until tender; rinse; mold in ring. Fill center with hot Gebhardt's Mexican Style Beans. Serve hot, garnished with sliced tomatoes or Frijoles De Gebhardt En Tazas De Tomate
(Gebhardt's Beans in Tomato

Cups)
8 tomatoes
No. 2 can Gebhardt's Mexican Style Beans
12 slices bacon, crisp
6 small pickles, sliced
Scoop centers of firm tomatoes. Fill with Gebhardt's Mexican Style Beans; bake in moderate oven until beans are heated and tomato skins slightly wrinkled. Serve flanked with bacon, garnished with pickles.

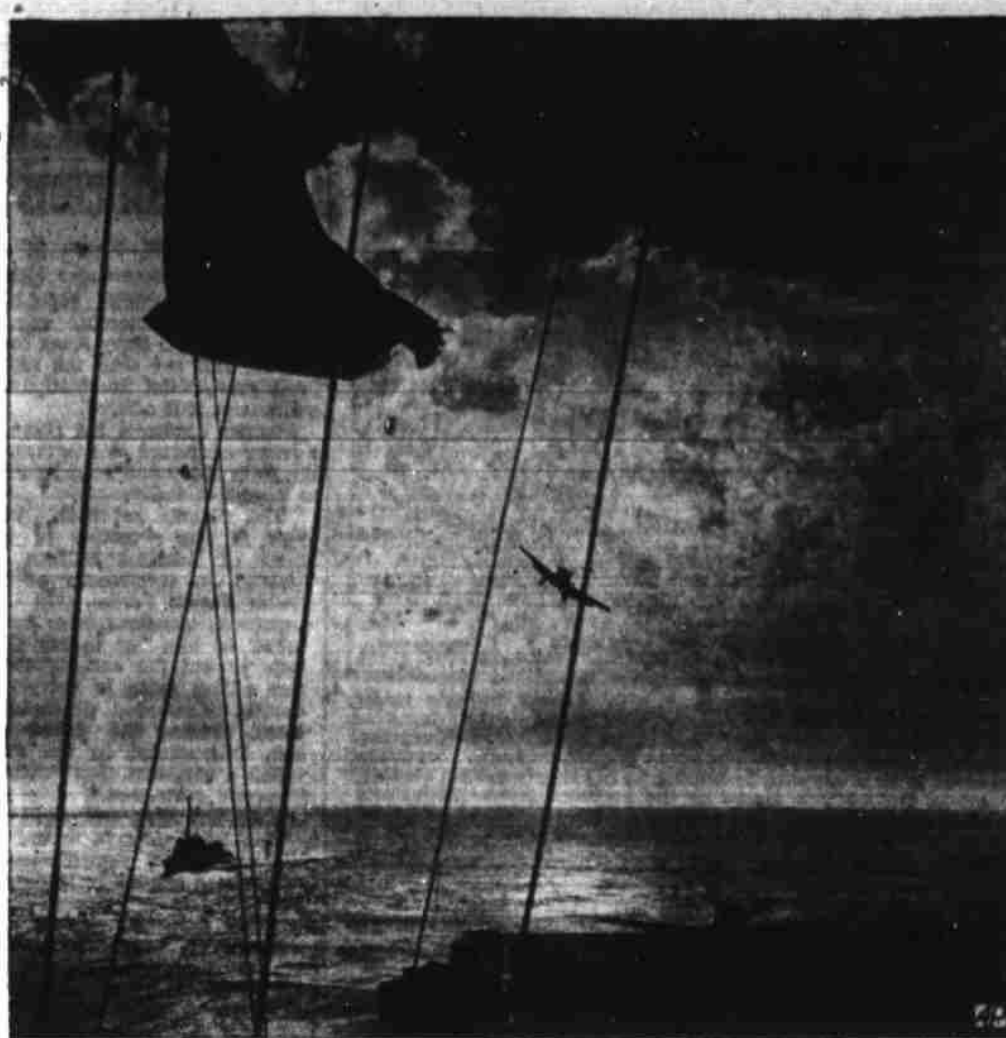
Frijoles Al Horno, Estilo Mexicano
(Baked Beans, Mexican Style)
2 c. red beans, parboiled
1-4 lb. salt pork
1 c. boiling water
1 onion sliced
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 t. prepared mustard
1-2 t. salt
1 t. Gebhardt's Chili Powder
Cut salt pork to the skin in about 1-2" slices; pour over boiling water. Mix ingredients together; turn into casserole. Bake in oven until pork is tender, replacing as needed. Serve with mustard pickles.

Torta De Queso Con Frijoles a La Mexicana
(Mexican Bean and Cheese Loaf)
1 onion, chopped
2 t. fat
No. 2 can Gebhardt's Mexican Style Beans
1 c. soft bread crumbs
2 eggs
1 t. salt
2 c. grated cheese
Brown onion in fat. Mash Gebhardt's Mexican Style Beans; combine with all ingredients. Mix thoroughly. Pack into greased loaf pan; bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) about 30 minutes. Serve hot with Tomato Sauce or Chili Sauce.

Okra Y Tomatoes (Okra and Tomatoes)
1 onion, sliced
2 t. fat
1 lb. okra
No. 2 can tomatoes
2 t. salt
1 t. Gebhardt's Chili Powder
Saute onion in fat until tender; add okra; cook until onion is golden brown, about 3 minutes. Add tomatoes, seasonings; allow to simmer until okra is tender and mixture thickens; add water as necessary. Green pepper and garlic may be added. Yield: 8 servings.

Friendly Notice

CHICAGO (AP) — The owner of a loop tobacco store who closed his shop when he went to a hospital for a checkup left a sign on the door—intended for would-be burglars.
It read: "Burglars attention! Money and valuables recover. In hospital. Back in a week, I hope."



WARTIME SEASCAPE—With the Stars and Stripes rippling in the breeze, a U. S. aircraft carrier of the Independence class welcomes a Grumman Helicot plane aboard.

Shrimp Makes a Meal Event for Lent



THERE'S no mumbo-jumbo to Shrimp Gumbo when you make it with canned shrimp that comes shelled, cleaned and all ready to use! When New Orleans first sired the gumbo, it took hours of plantation cookery to perfect it; modern methods and products make it easy and quick for you, with the recipe given elsewhere on this page.

Shrimp Helped Make New Orleans Food Capital Of South

Those master chefs down Louisiana way did some wonderful things with the good shrimp that were so handy-by in the Gulf. But now, thanks to the tin can, in season or out, in reach or out, we can duplicate these delicious shrimp dishes in our own kitchens, particularly during Lent when we're on the alert for hearty main dishes with down-South flavor.

Besides gumbos and stews, there

are many other main-dish ways with shrimp. Try making Creole Peppers by mixing canned shrimp with bread crumbs or rice, poultry seasoning, salt and pepper, stuffing the mixture in green peppers and baking in a dish with a little water for 15 to 20 minutes.

Or try Shrimp Patties, combining the canned shrimp with mashed potatoes, well beaten egg, salt, pepper and parsley, shaping into cakes and sauteing till golden brown.

Canned shrimp does require ration points but one can will serve six thus making each serving very low point indeed. Shrimp in cans is a good buy, nutrition-wise, for it is a good source of vitamin D, A and 18 minerals.

Here are the recipes for Gumbo and Stew:

Shrimp Gumbo, New Orleans
2 tablespoons salad oil
1 large onion
1 clove garlic
1-2 cup chopped green pepper
1-2 cup chopped celery
2 bullion cubes
2 cups boiling water
1 cup canned tomatoes
2 cups cooked or canned okra
1-2 teaspoon thyme
1 bay leaf
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
3 tablespoons flour
1 7-oz. can shrimp (1 1-4 cups)
Salt and pepper
Cooked rice
Heat salad oil; chop onion; mash garlic. Brown onion, garlic, green pepper and celery in salad oil. Dissolve bouillon cubes in water; add with tomatoes, okra, thyme, bay leaf and Worcestershire sauce. Mix flour to smooth paste with shrimp liquor, add. Cover; simmer 1 hour. Add shrimp; heat. Season with salt and pepper. Serve in large individual bowls with steamed rice spooned into center. Serves 4 to 6.

Shrimp Stew
1 7-oz. can shrimp
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
1-2 teaspoon salt
Few grains pepper
1-4 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
3 cups scalded milk
Chopped parsley
Crackers, paprika
Melt butter or margarine; add shrimp, salt, pepper and Worcestershire sauce. Cook slowly about 5 minutes. Add hot scalded milk and shrimp liquor. Heat just to boiling point. Pour into individual bowls; sprinkle with parsley; top with crackers and sprinkle with paprika. Serves 4.

Meeting Called To Study CAP Need

Possibility of reactivating the Civil Air Patrol squadron in Big Spring will be explored at a called meeting at 8 p. m. today at the high school.

Dr. P. W. Malone, commander of the squadron, which was among the first in Texas to organize and which subsequently became inactive when the local airport was taken over by the army and stopped private flying at the time, said that plans for offering classes in various subjects, including meteorology and navigation, would be talked.

If interest is sufficient, he said, the unit will be reactivated with regular classes scheduled.

The American Red Cross was founded in 1881.

Officials Try To End Strike On Buses

DALLAS, March 23 (AP)—Company and union officials said they were attempting to get employees of the Teche-Greyhound lines back to work by noon today, deadline set by the eighth regional war labor board for ending a work stoppage in five Southern states which began Monday.

Representatives of the Amalgamated Association of street, electric railway and motor coach employees of America (AFL) said they had sent a telegram from Dallas to union members in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Florida advising that the "board of international officials of the union insist that everyone return to work at once."

The telegram added that the "board will soon hold a panel hearing to ascertain the cause of the trouble."

The union men had insisted that the board send a tripartite panel to New Orleans to "fix responsibility" for work stoppages affecting 800 employees which occurred March 2 and March 20.

Otis Page and F. W. Ory represented the union and H. V. Greenalt the company at the hearing here yesterday at which the board set the deadline.

Greenalt accused union members of failing to abide by a contract which provided for arbitration of discharge cases and cases where demerits were assessed for violation of safety and other company rules.

The union representatives denied this charge and said the company had failed to comply with the grievance machinery set up in a recently negotiated contract. They said they believed they could get their members back on the job after being advised by the board that a panel would be sent to New Orleans to determine the cause of the two work stoppages and to fix the responsibility for them.

The union said work stoppages were due to the discharge of four employees and the firm's penalty system for infraction of company rules, whereupon the company said the union had failed to use the grievance machinery.

The Marshall's biggest atoll, Kwajalein, is 2,400 miles southwest of Pearl Harbor and 2,750 miles from Tokyo.

Methodist Church Growth Reported

MEXICO CITY, March 23, (AP)—Substantial growth of the Methodist church in this country was reported yesterday by the Rev. Eleazar Guerra, bishop of that church in Mexico, on the heels of reports by Catholic bishops that there is "great activity by some foreign protestant sects."

In Mexico City alone the denomination has 13 churches, and eight others are under construction. Bishop Guerra told reporters.

The bishops of the states of Sonora, Chihuahua, Sinaloa and Durango had issued a pastoral letter forbidding Catholics from entering protestant churches or institutions and from listening to protestant sermons.

She said a thief snapped them off a clothes line from the apartment laundry where she hung them to dry.

BERRY CEILINGS RISE
WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP)—OPA Administrator Chester Bowles told congressmen from strawberry producing states yesterday that ceilings for berries to be announced within a few days will be considerably higher than had been contemplated.

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Behind The Times

TROY, N. Y. (AP) — A 44-year-old man told the FBI he never had heard of selective service. In fact, he said, he didn't know the first World War had ended. His home is atop Berlin Mountain in a rugged section of Rensselaer county.

Seven Soldiers Die From Accident

BROWNWOOD, March 23, (AP)—An accident during gunnery practice with a mortar resulted yesterday in the death of seven soldiers of the 13th armored division, Camp Bowie, and injury to seven others. Accident details were withheld.

The dead included Cpl. Henry L. Adams, Eubank, Ky., whose widow lives at Brownwood.

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Behind The Irish Neutrality

WELL-FED IRELAND KEEPS EYES HALF-SHUT AND FOCUSED ONLY ON PEACE

By RUSSELL LANDSTROM
AP Features

Ultra-caution is the rule. Speculative writing is banned. It may be reported that the Royal Air Force raided Berlin, but not that it is the heaviest raid yet, nor the third or fourth in a week.

If an Irish girl marries an English major, the groom's military title is deleted. Allusions to deeds of heroes, whatever the nationality, are forbidden.

No mention has ever been made in an Irish newspaper of the presence of American troops in northern Ireland. Atrocities stories are prohibited, as are reviews of numerous books about the war.

Newspapers and magazines from the outside circulate freely but there is a general ban on war films.

It is natural among people known for scrappiness that there is dissent. In Dublin I was told that some thought it might have been better had the Germans tried to invade "for that would have solved a lot of problems in a country so sympathetic to the other democracies."

Thousands of Irishmen serve with the British armed forces and some of the R. A. F.'s finest are from Eire.

The home army, British-equipped, is some 200,000 strong, according to best reports, but the Eire air force is negligible and the navy consists of about half a dozen torpedo boats.

That, says one government official, is further reason why Ireland should not go to war voluntarily, for her "entry into the conflict would have no bearing upon the outcome of the war." And the Irish think that to show official favor toward the Allies would be a step toward war.

Neutral Eire is a fairly well-fed land enjoying its peaceful role which it has no intention of abandoning for blackouts and bombs.

But its economic position is precarious and the stiffening at-



Bombs—Even in peace, neutral Eire cannot escape from war. Here emergency crews clear away debris from a Dublin building struck by bombs. The Luftwaffe was blamed.

titute of England and the United States might hurt Eire seriously. Meat markets are heaped with steaks, cutlets, roasts, poultry, smoked fish—food rarely seen in warring Britain—and eggs, cheese, honey, oranges, even ice cream and candy, are plentiful.

Behind this well-fed facade, Eire actually is "on the margin all the time for food and fuel," say government authorities, and the average worker—drawing \$11 to \$15 a week—struggles for necessities against a cost of living 50 per cent higher than in 1939.

Eire is without coal, wood and peat except for her industries. Gasoline and oils are scarce, restricting the use of automobiles. Sean Lamass, minister of supply, said recently there were enough bread, coffee and cocoa stocks, but a shortage of feed for cattle was producing a shortage of butter.

Only butter, tea and sugar are rationed. Lamass said the tea ration probably would be cut, the butter allotment of six



Tough—Eamon De Valera, Irish Free State president, imposed strict censorship to keep peace.

ounces a week might be maintained with difficulty, but that almost surely there would be

no domestic allotment of kerosene.

Cutting off kerosene means widespread inconvenience in a country where many home lack electricity, and candles are few. T. O'Connell, of the department of agriculture, reported a wheat deficit of 190,000 acres, a similar deficit of 150,000 acres and a shortage of 80,000 acres of root and green crops in 1943.

"In order, therefore, to restore the pre-war position," he said, "600,000 tons of cereals, including nearly 200,000 tons of wheat, would have to be imported. Imports on such a scale are beyond the capacity of ships available."

Eire relies for imports upon seven ships, which sail between southern Ireland and the United States and Spain, and a few coastal vessels trading cattle, agricultural produce and fuel with England.

It can easily be seen what a blow was the recent U. S. refusal to sell Eire two ships to replace a couple sunk by U-boats.

In Eire, and in Dublin especially, there are very poor and very rich.

Bare-legged women in ragged shawls which partly wrap their babies stare at sleek department store windows. Beggars, ranging from children to oldsters, follow you about.

In an average eating place you can get a good meal for a half dollar to 75 cents—one restaurant supplying 15 different meat dishes and two kinds of ice cream dessert.

The well-paid minority can buy what it likes—dine in exclusive hotels and restaurants where a meal for two may cost \$16, and luxuries on the black market.

Liquor is by turns scarce and fairly plentiful. In the bars where there is never a shortage of spirits, drinks cost from 25 to 35 cents, half what they do in Britain.

Life flows buoyantly around and through Dublin's largest hotels and restaurants, dancing parties are merry and colorful, men and women appear in evening clothes and jewels, and streets are crowded.

The people of Eire do not want all this to vanish in the holocaust of war.

Authoritarian Dream Is Reason Petain Accepts Collaboration

By TAYLOR HENRY
NEW YORK, March 23 (AP)—Philippe Petain, France's fascist-thinking chief of state, has been forced to accept Premier Pierre Laval's collaborationist policies with the Nazis in order to pre-

serve a dream of his own for an authoritarian state in France.

Long a believer in a military type of regime for France, Petain seized upon her collapse as an opportunity to impose his own ideas of a semi-fascist state under the guidance of one man.

Today, in the face of his inability to stop collaboration, he has become a figure-head behind whose reputation Laval carries out his collaborationist policies.

Petaim accepts the situation first of all because he feels his presence is necessary to the continuation of the new form of the French government, and secondly because he considers himself a symbol of ancient glory by which there is some hope of keeping occupied France from disintegrating into open civil war.

Petaim has been stripped of his last remaining anti-collaborationist advisers by the continued maneuvers of the German-inspired Laval.

The 86-year-old chief of state today probably is the loneliest man in France, surrounded by collaborationists who have been handpicked by Laval and the Nazi occupation authorities.

He is generally admitted to be honest, even by Frenchmen opposed to his regime.

Frenchmen knew him to be a soldier, fond of discipline, who would likely impose an authoritarian regime. Many Frenchmen believed that in their country's state of collapse such a regime was necessary. They were willing to go along with him in his semi-fascist ideas of a unitarian syndicalist state.

They remembered him as the hero of Verdun, an honest Frenchman and patriot who thought he was doing his honest best for his country.

What they forgot was that Petaim has long been known as the defensive type of fighter frequently vacillating, seeking the line of least resistance.

The marshal has always relied on the advice of those in whom he had confidence, often taking that of the last person with whom he talked.

So long as he was able to keep advisers who, if not pro-Ally, were at least anti-German, the aged marshal was able to exercise a steady influence against giving France away to the Germans.

Today, the story has changed and the one-time hero of Verdun has lost any power he once might have had to stem the tide of collaboration. Virtually a prisoner of Laval, he rides the current, hoping his reputation will hold France to a semblance of unity.

Today Petaim stands alone, a symbol of what France might have been but stripped of any power to halt Laval's collaborationist policies.

France trusted Petaim in 1940. Unfortunately, many Frenchmen

still trust him today, not realizing his inability to halt Laval, hoping he still has an ace up his sleeve which will save France.

That blind trust in the marshal is Laval's main stock in the trade of government. He has sold it to the French people as a cover for his underhand deals with the Nazis.

COTTON LEADERS TO MEET

DALLAS, March 23 (AP)—Texas cotton leaders will meet here Saturday to select the date and site and make other plans for the fifth annual cotton research congress, announces Major Burris C. Jackson of Hillsboro, general chairman of the state-wide cotton committee.

The RAF raid that destroyed Germany's Mohne and Eder dams in May, 1943, was planned with engineering exactness a year in advance.



SUIT—This fashionable dinner suit, modeled by Jane Wyman, film player, is of moss green heavy tulle and features a deep rolled men's dress collar and jeweled front.



CUPID IN ICE—Madeline Stone, 22, of Arlington, Mass., puts finishing touches on one of her ice sculptures—a Cupid to be used as a leap-year party table decoration.



Jess Coulter, who spent the last 14 months of his army career in hospitals, has received his discharge and is visiting here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Coulter, before returning to the veterans hospital in Amarillo to continue treatment. He enlisted in November 1942 and was stationed with a fighter command group as a mechanic in northern England with the Eighth Airforce when he took pneumonia. Brought

back to the states, he had about recovered when he suffered a relapse. While he regretted being removed from duty, Jess did not regret leaving English weather, and one of his happiest moments, he said, was when he ran into a sandstorm at Tahoka on the way home the other day.

United States milk production rose from 46 billion quarts in 1929 to 55 billion quarts in 1943.

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Illness Traced To Insecticide Spray

BAY CITY, March 23, (AP)—State, county and city health officers have expressed the tentative belief that an epidemic which caused illness to approximately 2,000 persons Sunday was due to arsenical insecticide sprayed on lettuce and other vegetables.

Meanwhile, state laboratory officials were seeking to determine the cause of the illness, whose symptoms were nausea, sometimes violent, and diarrhoea.

Some persons collapsed and a few suffered partial paralysis, while the attack in other cases was light, causing some nausea and severe abdominal pains.

All persons were warned against the use of fresh vegetables, particularly lettuce, until the investigators are sure what caused the illness.

Most of the victims are recovering rapidly.

Abilene Man Dies Suddenly On Road

AUSTIN, March 23 (AP)—Abilene led other liquor control districts with 61 convictions for liquor law violations last month.

The board's summary of February enforcement ranked the Austin district second with 29 convictions, Longview third with 28 and Beaumont fourth with 27.

Other convictions, by districts: Amarillo 19, Lubbock 18, Fort Worth 13, Dallas 12, Paris 12, El Paso 12, Big Spring 12, Waco 7, San Antonio 1, Corpus Christi 1, McAllen 6.

Twenty-four jail convictions resulted from the 270 convictions and fines totalling \$37,903 were levied.

The planet Mercury makes a complete revolution of the sun in 88 days.

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Milnot Tall Cans Can Milk . . . 9c	Pork or Beef Shoulder Roast . . 28c
Imperial 5 lb. Bag Sugar . . . 36c	Pork Chops 35c
Prunes . . . 59c	Assorted Lunch Meats . . . 32c
Ralston 11 oz. Corn Flakes . 5c	Fresh Made Sausage . . 25c
Ralston 40% Bran Flakes 5c	Choice Beef Ribs . . 19c
Pecos Valley PEANUT Butter . . . 39c	Banner Oleo . . . 22c
Diced Carrots . . 10c	Star 4 lb. Ctn. Pure Lard . 75c
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Prunes Medium Size Cello Pack 1-Lb. Pkg. 16c	Purity Oats No. 1 14-Oz. Pkg. 5c
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Ivory Soap 1 bar 6c	
Ivory Soap 3 bars 20c	
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Skidoo Cleaner 1-Lb. Can 9c	

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Sugar Cured Hamless PICNICS Lb. 27c

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Editorial - - -

Good Must Pay For Bad

There is a penalty for being good in the current order to reduce the A cards all over the country to a 2 gallon value, according to the reasoning of Secretary Ickes. He said that one of the reasons behind the reduction rested in the black market. So the good must be penalized because there is a black market or because some one else is doing wrong.

It has ever been thus. The good have not been able to escape the terrific fact that crime exists. There are murderers and thieves and racketeers of one kind and another. They must be incarcerated and punished. So we maintain courts and expensive jails and defend ourselves against the criminal by locking him up.

Under the gasoline reduction program we apparently admit that we can't do anything with the black market and those who observe the rules must be penalized to maintain those who won't. We have already seen evidence that Miami and some other southern resorts have been enjoying a wartime golden age because tourists didn't recognize there is a war on. We would have done well, it seems, to have withheld even the sending of worn-out railroad cars to get them out of their difficulty.—San Angelo Standard-Times.

Reciprocal Consideration

Signs of spring are unmistakable, even down to the growing number of complaints over chickens, cows, dogs, etc. It's the routine we always go through this time of the year.

The problem, however, is one which calls for a little more sensible cooperation during wartime. Normally, indignant neighbors would not hesitate to complain over nomadic animals and fowls, but the need of food production has made them forebearing.

This should call for a little reciprocal consideration on the part of those who bring these animals and birds into urban surroundings—namely clean lots to control the fly menace, good chicken pens to spare the neighbor's garden, and dogs that are vaccinated against rabies. The latter point, we think, cannot be stressed too strongly.

The store or business which charges all the traffic will bear cannot hope to compete with the enterprise which seeks maximum turnover rather than maximum profits per unit of sales.—Eric A. Johnston, president U. S. C. of C.

Washington

Business Confidence Is Motive

By JACK STINNETT

WASHINGTON —The appointment of William L. Clayton as surplus war property administrator is more evidence of how much the New Deal has changed and how far the Administration is going in its efforts to win the confidence of business.

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All of this must be done without dumping on either world or local markets in such a way that it will upset the economic system or retard its return to normalcy.

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The War Today

by DeWitt Mackenzie

Associated Press War Analyst

British Prime Minister Churchill is used to world-wide audiences, but keen attention will be paid his statement in parliament that there will be renewed consultation between the principal allies on the application of the Atlantic Charter.

Need of clarification of this historic Allied pledge to mankind long has been apparent. If proof of that were necessary we should find it in the adroit manner in which Mr. Churchill sidestepped any commitment regarding specific application of the document.

However, we don't need further proof than we've long had in the demands from many countries for enlightenment. Self-determination is the big issue.

Churchill declined to be more specific than to say that "the Atlantic Charter stands as a declaration of the spirit and purpose in which its signatories are waging this war—not without success—and that it implies no pact or bargain with our enemies." He left it to those new consultations among the "principal" allies to deal with this pressing problem which is as full of explosive as a block-buster.

Only last week a motion supported by seventy members to debate the charter was turned down by Premier Churchill, unless the hostile members wished to make it the subject of a "vote of censure" of the government—which they did not.

We are as I see it on the verge of a period of hard-boiled and sometimes harsh realities. What the big three—America, Britain and Russia—have to iron out is whether there's any clash between idealism and stern realities. While one can foresee headaches and heartaches, nothing has arisen thus far to challenge the broad general principles of the original declarations.

However, nothing has happened either to alter the trend towards division of the world into spheres of influence over which will preside the dominant nations.

Looking Backward

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Crossword Puzzle

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DOWN
1. Fit for cultivation
2. City in Oklahoma
3. Rail bird
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6. Error
7. Swiss river
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Extensions In Winkler Area Highlight Oil Developments

By JOHN B. BREWER
SAN ANGELO, March 18 — Gauging of a second extension to the Wheeler Ellenburger field, one-half mile northeast, and of the discovery Tubb (Clear Fork line) producer, both in Winkler county, provided two of the highlights of West Texas oil development this week.

Mid-Continent No. 1 R. A. Wheeler, C. SW 34-46-12-T&P, the new Wheeler field well, awaited a potential gauge after flowing oil naturally at a rate of 74 barrels hourly through gun perforations from 10,470-710 feet. Its Ellenburger top, 10,570 feet, 7,443 feet below sea level, was 48 feet lower than in Stanolind-Shell No. 1 W. D. Blue estate, the discovery.

Stanolind-Shell No. 1-A Wheeler, half mile west of No. 1 Blue, which last week insured production on a drill stem test from 10,640-651 feet, was testing at 10,700. Its Ellenburger top of 10,642 feet, 7,537 feet below sea level, checked 162 feet low to No. 1 Blue. It is in the C NW NE 13-B7-pal.

Stanolind No. 1 Sealy-Smith Foundation, Winkler's first Tubb producer, C. SW 30-A-G&MM-B&A, gauged 354.69 barrels of oil and 1-2 barrels of gas per minute in nine hours through gun perforations from 6,170 to 6,250 feet after treatment with 3,000 gallons of acid.

Sinclair Prairie No. 4-A Walton, 7-8 mile northwest of Amon G. Carter and Pure Oil Co. No. 2-C Walton, opener of the Keystone Ellenburger pool, flowed naturally 1,092 barrels of 43.8 gravity oil in 17 hours through perforations from 5,610-50 feet and awaited pipeline connection. It is in the C SE SE 20-77-pal.

Plugged back from 5,513 feet in granite, Standard of Texas No. 1 MacDer Co., Pecos county wildcat near the C NE NW 36-144-T&STL, showed an estimated 3-1-2 million cubic feet of gas daily through perforations from 4,706-20 feet opposite the Wolfcamp and likely was to be completed as a gas well. Earlier, it showed oil and water as well as gas from the same horizon.

Holder of West Texas' depth record since it passed 12,786 feet, Phillips No. 1 Ada C. Price, Pecos wildcat C. SW SW 11-101-TCRR, 25 miles southeast of Fort Stockton, had bored over 2-3-4 miles deep, to 14,550 feet in unannounced formation. It averaged 41 feet of hole daily during the week ending Thursday.

Standard of Texas spotted No. 1-2358 University, scheduled 2,850-foot wildcat in Reagan county C. NW NE 12-12-U, five miles south of the town of Big Lake.

The Texas Co. No. 1 A. W. Patillos, Andrews county wildcat testing the Grayburg lime, in 17 hours swabbed 21.61 barrels of oil with basic sediment ranging from 28 to 2 per cent. It continued natural testing, bottomed at 4,415 feet. Location is the C NW NW 21-A36-pal.

The Mabey field in southeastern Andrews registered its fifth completed well in the Texas Co. No. 5 J. E. Mabey, C. SW NE 43-40-2n-G&MM-B&A, three-quarters of a mile west and a location north of the discovery. It pumped 221 barrels of oil and 10.12 barrels of water in 24 hours after treating pay between 4,605 and 4,732 feet, the total depth, with 6,000 gallons of acid.

Texas Pacific No. 6 Emily M. Jackson became one of the larger producers in the Fullerton field in northwestern Andrews, with daily flowing potential of 3,320.40 barrels of oil. Bottomed at 7,230 feet it was acidized with 10,000 gallons. Location is the C SE SE 17-A-32-pal, at the southeast corner of the pool.

Carl B. King and C. U. Bay No. 2 T. A. Blair, southeast outpost to the Wasson field in Gaines county, C. NE NE 39-AX-pal, stopped at 8,001 feet, was deepened by interested operators to 8,097 feet without results and abandoned.

All the stock in Lee Petroleum Corp., one of San Angelo's oldest oil firms, was purchased by J. E. Whiteside and R. N. Beakley of Brownwood from R. Leslie Lee of San Angelo and sisters, Mrs. J. W. Jones of San Angelo, Mrs. W. C. Volkman of Menard and Mrs. W. R. Owens, Jr., of San Antonio. Properties include four leases with 13 producing wells in the Taylor-Link field in Pecos county and two leases with nine wells in the McCamey field in Upton county and producing royalties in six West Texas counties. The firm name will be unchanged under new ownership. Beakley will move to San Angelo.

Young State Wards Enter Competition
AUSTIN, March 20 (AP) — More than 4,000 students in state elementary institutions will compete in agriculture and athletics here this week.

Outstanding accomplishments by the young wards of the state will be rewarded by prizes and the best cattle will be auctioned. A parade led by the band from the Corsicana state home will start the show Wednesday. A military unit from the School for the Deaf will also take part.

The stock show will feature exhibits in poultry, swine, cattle and sheep breeding.



Ordinance training is in Miller, 8/26, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Miller. He passed through here last Sunday while enroute from San Diego, where he had his boat training, to Norman, Okla., where he will get his first phase of specialized training. While the troop train stopped here, he got to visit with his wife and daughter. Reared in Big Spring and a former Herald and Railway express employee, Miller was inducted Jan. 17, 1944.

More Officers Report At Post

Several officer arrivals were reported at the Big Spring Bombardier school Saturday.

They include: 2nd Lieut. Ronald O. Brown, Freelandville, Ind.; 2nd Lieut. Edward L. Harper, Danville, Ky., assigned as pilot; 1st Lieut. Philip Rosenhouse, Bronx, N. Y., tactical officer, 2nd Lieut. Robert E. Mingle, Akron, O., assigned as an engineering officer.

Maj. Norman G. Hedemack, St. Paul, Minn., has been placed on detached service for a special course in the school of aviation medicine at Randolph Field, Tex.; and 2nd Lieut. Van F. Usery, Luling, has been placed on detached service for specialized training at AAFIS, Bryan, Tex.

Enlisted men placed on detached service to attend specialized training courses are: Sgt. Francis H. Hance, to Randolph Field; S/Sgt. Martin H. Jackson, Sgt. Robert Chase, Sgt. William W. Hunter, Jr., Pfc. Ivan G. Voboril and Pfc. Kenneth W. Johnson, to Midland AAF. All are from the 78th bombardier training group.

Stamp-Free Children's Shoes May Be Offered At Option By Dealers

Retailers may if they wish sell low-priced children's shoes in certain sizes ration-free during the period from May 1 through May 20, J. Doyle Settle, district rationing executive, announced today.

Sizes to be released are children's shoes in sizes 8 1/2 through 12, and misses' and little boys' shoes in sizes 12 1/2 through 3, and may be sold for no more than \$1.60.

Mr. Settle pointed out that this is only a temporary measure and that dealers are not compelled to release these shoes ration-free, but they may if they wish.

At the same time, the rationing executive announced that another ration stamp will become good for one pair of shoes May 1. No. 18 stamp in Book I will expire April 30, and airplane stamp No. 1 in Book III will continue to be good indefinitely.

O'Daniel Against 4th Term For FDR

DALLAS, March 20 (AP) — Senator W. Lee O'Daniel (D-Tex.) says he is not affiliated with the National American Democratic Committee—a group opposing a fourth term nomination for President Roosevelt—but that he is in agreement with its program.

In an interview here, the junior senator from Texas, who has recently visited Houston, San Antonio and other points, said he hasn't found many Texans except those on the federal payroll, who want the president nominated for a fourth term.

"Texans don't know who they want nominated for president but they seem to think there are plenty of good persons who would make a good president," said O'Daniel, who asserted he was investigating conditions responsible for the reported plowing-under of Rio Grande valley vegetable crops.

Colored Soldier's Body Shipped Home

Body of Pvt. Arthur Mims, member of the 359th Central Postal Directory, was shipped to Savannah, Ga. Friday. It was accompanied by his wife, Mary Mims.

He was killed Thursday when the heavy truck in which he was riding overturned 24 miles north of here. Pvt. Jerry Pickett from the 359th and Reuben R. Wormley, colored civilian worker, were not seriously hurt.

Colorado City Captain Killed

COLORADO CITY, March 20 (SC)—Mrs. F. P. Blassingame was informed in a telegram Saturday of the death of her husband, Capt. Frank P. Blassingame, 28, in Italy. He was killed in action on Feb. 25, the message stated.

Capt. Blassingame had worked his way through Texas A.&M. college, dropping out intermittently to eke out his finances in order to complete his education. Completing his engineering course on May 15, 1942, he entered the army the next day and was assigned to an anti-aircraft artillery unit for training at Fort Bliss. He became a captain before going overseas in April 1943.

He was married Nov. 7, 1942 to Nadine Hammonds, Colorado City, who survives him. Other survivors are Mrs. Emmett Blassingame, Buford community, his mother; three brothers, Don and Murrell Blassingame of Buford and J. W. Blassingame, Fort Worth defense worker, and two sisters, Doris Nell, Dallas nurse, and Martha Blassingame, Buford.

Fight Rages For O'Connor Oil

EL PASO, March 17 (AP)—Lawyers who filled the eighth court of civil appeals here yesterday concluded arguments on litigation in which the state and several individuals seek to recover 20,201 acres of land in the rich Tom O'Connor oil field in Refugio county.

A total of \$7,000,000 for oil produced to Dec. 17, 1942 is also the case, lost by plaintiffs in the trial court of Refugio county, was transferred from the San Antonio court of civil appeals to the El Paso court by the supreme court in a docket of equalization.

The case was filed in 1941 by Robert G. Harris and Thomas J. Devine of San Antonio; and B. H. Hornburg of Refugio, for recovery of three alleged vacant unsurveyed tracts. The state intervened and sought recovery of 20,201 acres, including three separate tracts.

Principal defendants are Thomas O'Connor, Humble Oil & Refining company, Quintana Petroleum company, L. A. Jordan and children of Thomas O'Connor, Sr., all of whom own mineral interests in the land.

Plaintiffs alleged that the tracts, part of two old Spanish land grants made in 1834, are void or, if not that, their correct location on the ground is such that the grants do not cover them.

Present to represent the state in the case was Grover Sellers, Texas attorney general.

Texas Gloves Meet Set For April, May

SAN ANTONIO, March 20 (AP)—The "Texas Gloves" boxing tournament, sponsored by the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation as a part of its state-wide program in all sports, will be held the latter part of April in nearly a score of districts, and the state tournament, May 3, 4 and 5 will be staged here. Delius Finch, director of the TAAF boxing program, announced here today.

Finch announced district tournament rights have been given to Amarillo, Lubbock, Abilene, Wichita Falls, El Paso, Midland, San Angelo, San Antonio, Austin, Waco, Dallas, Fort Worth, Tyler, Houston, Galveston, Port Arthur, Beville, Laredo and Corpus Christi.

Winners of the district tournaments in all weight classes, in all divisions, will compete in the state tournament here, Finch said.

Housing Need Has Increased Over Year Ago, Says Billeing Officer

Although personnel has been reduced at the Big Spring Bombardier School over a year ago, the demand for housing in Big Spring actually is greater, according to Maj. W. E. Turner, who, in addition to his assignment as public relations officer, also serves as billeting officer.

"Paradoxical as this sounds, it is true, and here are the reasons," he said. In addition to the influx of personnel at the start, the specialist drive giving volunteers in the air corps their choice of fields, added many Texas men from this section.

"Many of these men are still at the field and in most cases their families are here with them. Cupid also has been active... and in many cases marriages mean a demand for new living quarters for the couple."

"Cadets add to the demand as there are many wives living here while their husbands take the extended 18 weeks course. When training began classes came each three weeks and there were only four on the field. They still come at the same interval but now there are six classes on the field... a 50 per cent increase. There do the rest!"

In Corsica:

Pictured above is Pfc. Haskell Hudgins who is now serving in Corsica with the armed forces following service in North Africa for 10 months. Pfc. Hudgins is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hudgins and his wife, Mrs. Hudgins and young daughter, Jodelle, reside here.

Oil Men Seek Pipeline From West Texas

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP)—A proposal to build a 975-mile, 20-inch pipeline to pipe West Texas crude oil to the Pacific coast was placed before the Petroleum Administration for War (PAW) today by three Texas oil men.

Angus G. Wynne, L. N. Glasco, and Jerry C. Hawkins, Dallas representatives for independent oil dealers in the West Texas field, told the PAW Texas was the "only available supply" of crude oil to fill a "critical need" on the Pacific coast.

The Texans asked PAW to build a line from Monahans, Tex., to Beaumont, Calif., with government funds or to allow independent dealers in West Texas to construct it as a cooperative venture under a tax amortization plan.

Rich West Texas oil fields, Wynne told an interviewer, could double their output of oil without addition of another well or pump. Production could be hiked from 341,000 barrels daily to 693,000 without waste, he said.

"Our fields are now working only 17 days out of every month simply because we do not have enough pipelines to send out the oil," Wynne said. "We could provide the west coast with every barrel of crude oil it can use."

The Texans contended no oil pipeline now reaches the west coast. The oil representatives were accompanied by Olin Culbertson, Texas railroad commissioner who said Texas railroads also are interested in an outlet for the state's oil.

Midland Course Is Helpful In Bombing

MIDLAND ARMY AIR FIELD, March 20 (AP)—A bombing pilots approach course in operation at Midland army air forces bombardier instructors school teaches bombardier trainees to teach pilots to chauffeur other bombardiers.

Courses in bombing pilots approach are given in each of 13 schools in the United States for pilots of four-engine bombers, and the Midland course trains instructors for such schools, a press release from the field said today.

Here bombardiers returned from combat in war theaters learn techniques of teaching pilots of heavy bombers the problems involved in successful bombardment, pointing toward close cooperation between pilot and bombardier over a target.

Dry Christening

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — At christening ceremonies for the 1,000th C-47 cargo plane built here, Mrs. Catherine Oldham, Douglas aircraft worker, broke a container of confetti over the plane's propeller hub, symbolizing wishes for "soft landings."

Victory Garden Reminders Have Been Prepared By Roseborough

Victory garden reminders pertaining to soil preparation and fertilizing have been prepared by J. F. Roseborough, extension horticulturist of Texas A.&M. college, and announced by Miss Rheba Merle Boyles, county home demonstration agent.

"No vegetable grows better than the soil in which it is planted," it was stated in the information.

The reminders follow: Good drainage is essential in wet areas. Where water stands after spring rains, vegetables will not grow. In areas of heavy rainfall the first undertaking is to ditch the garden, then plow it so that there will be large beds four to five feet across, on which several rows may be planted. In areas of limited rainfall, the soil is pulled up in ridges four to six inches high to make individual rows on which planting may be done. Germination and early growth is checked by poorly drained, soggy soil.

"Good plowing or spading is needed. The soil should be plowed or spaded at least five or six inches deep; 10 inches would be better. Deep tillage brings warm air into the soil and raises soil temperature. Seed germinate more readily at a temperature of 70 degrees and if the soil is well prepared and well drained, the seed will get off to a good start. If the soil is stirred several times before planting, it is advantageous. Bad grasses, such as bermuda, Johnson, and Coco or nut grass, should be removed. Tiny vegetable seed cannot compete with established grasses, and it is better to kill out the grass before planting the garden.

Rich soil gives best yields. If rotted manure is available, apply 50 pounds per 100 square feet before the garden is plowed. If the supply is limited to less than this amount, it may be applied in the furrow just before planting the seed, at the rate of 10 to 20 pounds per 100 feet of row space. Victory gardeners in areas of limited rainfall or in black land sections where commercial fertilizers cannot be used, should use barnyard manure to increase production. Town or city gardeners who have compost made of leaves, lawn trimmings, etc., may use this material likewise. It must be remembered, however, that neither of these so-called fertilizers are rich in actual plant food. They are not complete plant foods. A ton of aged manure contains only 2 1/2 pounds of actual plant food, and 1,978 pounds of vegetable matter. Both rotted manure and compost are strengthened by mixing 100 to 200 pounds of super-phosphate or 5-10-5 commercial fertilizer per ton (wagon load), using about 10 pounds of this mixture for 100 feet of row space.

Use commercial fertilizer wisely. In sandy areas commercial fertilizers analyzing 5-10-5 may be used by victory gardeners. For best results, apply fertilizer in the row 10 to 14 days before sowing seed or setting plants. If this cannot be done, it is safe to use it at time of planting in the following way: Open the row, sprinkle fertilizer at the rate of 3 to 5 pounds per 100 feet of row, mix plow thoroughly with the soil, then plant the seed. Irish potatoes, English peas and tomatoes may be given a side dressing of fertilizer after plants begin growth.

Scout Executives Taken Into Service

The manpower situation is waxing plenty acute for the Buffalo Trail Boy Scout council, and it may be the chief topic when the executive board meets Tuesday in Midland.

James K. Polk and Rex Palmer, field executives at Snyder and Monahans, respectively, have been inducted. S. P. Gaskin, Sweetwater, area executive, is living on borrowed time until May 25. Don Betts, Odessa field executive, is facing pre-induction examination.

While the council board is in session Tuesday evening, Stanton will be holding its initial court of honor session under the leadership of Horace Blocker, chairman of W. C. Blankenship, district court of honor chairman, Elrah Phillips and George Mclear, are going from here to assist in the program.

Arabian Pipeline Rapped By PIWC In 'White Paper'

WASHINGTON, March 18 — Why ambitions abroad of the Petroleum Reserves Corporation are viewed as a scuttling of the American system of free private enterprise and an invitation to international incidents rife with rumors of another war was explained today in a "white paper" presented by the Petroleum Industry War Council for public information.

PIWC summed up its objection to U. S. ownership of a 1,000-mile pipeline through three foreign nations between the Persian gulf and the eastern end of the Mediterranean Sea as: "The Fascist approach... with its lust for imperialism, to displace private enterprise; as a sign-post of the new highway of international power politics not yet revealed and approved by the Senate of the US as an international commitment; as the scuttling of the internal strength of America itself."

The unit questioned the "secrecy surrounding the creation of the Petroleum Reserves Corporation... its vast charter powers, (with) the result the members of the oil industry... became increasingly interested not only in foreign policy in general but also US foreign oil policy in particular."

Prepared by George A. Hill, Houston, the "white paper" summarized the foreign and oil policy and attempts to reconcile it with Atlantic charter provisions and notes absence of mention of oil policy following international parleys.

Moreover, it points out that the line would tap only a total of three and a half per cent of the world's oil reserve and that this world's oil reserve is controlled by nations held to be traditional allies of the US. If it is to secure bases, then the policy might be called around the globe, which would be contrary to previous international policy of the nations, it was pointed out.

Mrs. Webber Resigns As Manager Of Sears

Mrs. Arvie Webber, manager of the Sears and Roebuck Co. store here, has resigned her position after nearly three years.

She will be succeeded by Mrs. Felton Walters as manager. Mrs. Webber joined the company in July of 1941 and opened the order house here on the following Aug. 22nd. Two weeks after the opening Mrs. Walters became affiliated with the store. With her husband, D. W. Webber, the former manager plans soon to move to Arkansas.

Missing: Sgt. Oliver W. Lea, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lea of Big Spring, has been reported missing in action since February 1st following action in Italy. He served at Casablanca, Africa and Sicily prior to the Italian assignment.

Aggie Directors Will Not Resign

HOUSTON, March 17 (AP) — The Texas A. and M. College board of directors has no intention of resigning, it declared in answer to a suggestion from T. O. Walton, former president of the school.

Walton had proposed that the board resign, and offered in turn to "drop any actions in my behalf." He has said he planned to file suit to support his contention of a contract with the board concerning his status as President Emeritus.

The statement, issued by F. M. Law of Houston, the board president, said yesterday that at the board's Feb. 11 meeting in Fort Worth it had issued a complete statement to the press on the A. and M. presidential controversy with Walton, and that it had nothing to add except to say, "with reference to Dr. Walton's recent Dallas statement, that the board will not resign."

American Legion's G. I. Bill Approved

WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP) — The American Legion's "G. I. bill-of-rights" measure—carrying authority for expenditures up to \$3,500,000,000 for aid to veterans of the present war—was approved unanimously today by the senate finance committee.

Chairman George (D-Ga.) estimated the maximum cost of educational, unemployment and other benefits under the bill at \$3,000,000,000 exclusive of a \$500,000,000 authorization for construction of new hospital facilities.

Bearing the names of 81 senators, the bill will be called up in the senate next week by Senator Clark (D-Mo.), chairman of a subcommittee which revised the bill after weeks of hearings.

Clark said Senator Byrd (D-Va.) added his name to the list of sponsors today to bring the total to 81. He added that he knew of no opposition.

West Texans Listed As Navy Casualties

WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP) — The navy department today announced 99 casualties of the U. S. Naval forces.

Texas on the list, with their next of kin, include: Gibbs, Claude S. III, Cpl. U. S. Marine Corps Reserve, wounded. Mother, Mrs. Juel Gibbs, 728 West Highland St., San Angelo. Piercy, Wilburne Ennis, Lieut. missing. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. tenant (Jr.) U. S. Naval Reserve, Hiram A. Piercy, 1923 24th St., Lubbock.

Sheppard, Eugene, private, first class, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve, wounded. Aunt, Mrs. Laura Hampton, 118 South 28th St., Corsicana.

Hawley Attempting To Link West Oil Areas

Cosden and Guthrie No. 2, Pauline Allen, diagonal northwest of the No. 1 Allen, discovery well in the Vincent area of northeastern Howard county, was plugged back Saturday from 6,172 feet, where it had some water, to 5,800 feet.

The test will be shot with as much as can be put in the hole from 5,450-5,500—possibly 150 quarts in three treatments with a total of 8,800 gallons of acid, the test failed to show appreciable response at that depth. The pay zone is approximately 1,400 feet below the level in the No. 1 well, and 1,800 below the pay now under test in the Coffield & Guthrie No. 1 Guy Guffee. The formation has not been picked. Location is in the southeast quarter of section 87-20, LaVaca.

To the east in the southeast corner of section 58-20, the No. 1 Guffee had finished cleaning out following a shot tested pay from 4,244 to 4,370 feet. Pumping equipment was due to be installed early this week. On swabbing tests, the well produced about 45 barrels daily without pulling the head.

The most active operator in this territory, John B. Hawley, Jr., located location for his No. 1 Bruce Frazier, 1,550 feet from the north and 5,310 feet from the east line of section 7-23-12, T & P, approximately a mile north of nearest production in the Moore (Harding) pool southwest of Big Spring. A test on the Frazier tract a dozen years ago found pay.

Attempting to link the Moore pool with production found in western Howard county, Hawley staked location for No. 1 Guffee in section 2, Bauer & Cockrell survey. This is approximately two miles north of the Frazier location and a mile and a half south-east of the Hawley No. 1 J. W. Cook, good for 10 barrels a day, in section 23-24-12, T & P.

Hawley No. 1 J. O. Rosser, section 24-34-12, T & P, was preparing for a second shot. Hawley No. 1 Thompson, section 13-34-12, T & P, was preparing to drill in after shifting from rotary and Hawley No. 1 Harold Homan, 1,650 from the north and 2,310 feet from the east line of section 12-34-12, T & P, was nearing pay horizon around 3,000. Hawley No. 3 H. D. Cowden, section 18-33-12, T & P, was awaiting pumping equipment preparatory to test and the No. 4 Cowden was cleaning out following a second shot.

In eastern Howard county Cosden No. 2-B Read, section 48-30-12, T & P, was below 2,000 feet after picking up the line at 1,890 feet. The Ray No. 2-B Read, in the same section had cemented oil string at 2,654 feet.

Sugar Ration Changes Noted

Changes in the details of the sugar rationing program were announced this week by J. Doyle Settle, district rationing executive for the OPA.

Sugar stamp No. 30 in Book IV, previously announced to expire March 31, and Stamp 31, which becomes valid April 1, will be good indefinitely. Removal of the expiration date on two sugar stamps will permit consumers to buy sugar as it is needed, Settle said, and should relieve the heavy demand on retailers, customary at the end of each ration period.

Stamp No. 40 in Book IV has been validated for five purposes of sugar for home canning purposes until February 28, 1945. For any sugar over and above this amount, application must be made to the local board. A new and simple form, which the ration board will mail upon request, is to be used. More than one application may be made during the year for home canning sugar, but the total issuance cannot exceed 20 pounds per person. Consumers should apply for sugar only as it is needed. "When sending an application for sugar for home canning to the local board, save stamp No. 37 from Book IV should be attached to the application form for each person applying for sugar," Settle said.

Easter Service Plans Complete For Amphitheatre

Arrangements for the traditional Easter sunrise service in the city park amphitheatre were completed at a meeting of the executive committee of the Big Spring Pastors' association Saturday at the Settles.

The Rev. H. Clyde Smith, First Methodist pastor, was selected to bring the Easter message to the gathering of faithful who annually rise early on the sacred day to hear the story of a risen Christ.

Other pastors on the program are: Rev. J. E. McCoy, First Christian, presiding; the Rev. Ivy Buchanan, Church of the Nazarenes, invocation; the Rev. P. D. O'Brien, First Baptist, Scripture reading; the Rev. James E. Moore, First Presbyterian, prayer; the Rev. E. C. Lee, Main Street Church of God, benediction.

Music for the occasion is to be under the direction of Ernest Hook, educational and music director for the First Baptist church.

Boy Scouts Begin Week Of Activities

Paper collecting was in vogue Saturday, but perhaps none did better than Cub pack No. 13 under W. D. Wilbanks. These youngsters gathered 1,975 pounds of salvage paper thanks to use of a pickup furnished by D. M. McKinney and a truck by J. B. Sloan. Troops No. 3 and No. 5 were active in collecting, too.

S. P. Gaskin, area executive, was here Saturday. Tuesday evening scout leaders will go to Midland for the area area executive board meeting. W. C. Blankenship, George Mclear and Elrah Phillips go to Stanton the same night to assist in that city's initial court or honor program.

Thursday Boy Scouts start the Red Cross collection in theatres. Friday troop No. 2 will go on a trip to the Concho under leadership of Scoutmaster Elton Taylor and Committeemen M. N. Thorp and Charles Watson. They will try out six new tents.

Saturday morning there will be a scrap paper mania at the Ritz theatre, and admission will be 20 pounds of paper. Any child is eligible to attend if he or she can rake up that much paper. Scouts will help stack it.

Too Unsteady To Continue Trip Is Verdict Of Police

Two men, somewhat unsteady to say the least, were picked up here Saturday on request of Dick Hickman, chief of police at Colorado City, in connection with a hit-and-run case at that point. "I wanna talk to my lawyer," one of the men informed police.

"And where is your lawyer?" asked police. "Sulphur Springs," quoth the prisoner.

Husband Of Colorado City Woman Has Been Reported Missing In Action

COLORADO CITY, March 23.—Mrs. John C. Woodie, who bore her marriage last September was Juanita Cook daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cook Sr., of Colorado City, has been informed that her husband, Lt. John C. Woodie is missing in action.

Pilot of a B-24 with the 719 bombing squadron stationed somewhere in Italy, Lt. Woodie has been in foreign service since last December. The message from the War Department informed his wife that he had been missing since action in the air over Germany, Feb. 22.

A native of South Carolina, he was stationed at Alamogordo, N. M., when he met his bride. Later he was given further training in Nebraska, Topeka, Kansas, and in Florida.

"Johnnie will be back," Mrs. Woodie has written her parents here. "I have no doubt that he will be back. He's been flying since he was a kid and if anybody can come through he will."

Eight letters were received from her husband by Mrs. Woodie the day after the casualty message arrived. The last date of the letters received was Feb. 20, two days before the flight from which he has yet to return.

The flier told of his pride in a

newly floored tent, of a motorcycle trip "to town," 100 miles away where he and his buddies purchased a waste basket and a broom for housekeeping purposes. A letter to his mother-in-law, Mrs. Cook, was in a more serious mood. "I've been near sudden death so many times, I know that only the prayers of my loved ones have brought me back safe," he wrote. "The last time we came in our ship was like a sieve. But we made it. Keep praying."

Here 'n There

A total of 190 persons had obtained passenger car licenses since Wednesday morning increasing the total to 1,795, according to figures announced Thursday morning at the office of the county tax assessor-collector. Midnight of April 1 will be the deadline for payment of license fee without a 20 per cent penalty to car owners driving their cars on the highway after April 1.

A group of Howard county men who went to Lubbock Tuesday for pre-induction physical examinations will remain here until after their induction calls to branches of service for which they qualified. The group included Howard county registrants and men transferring here from other boards, selective service headquarters announced.

Wallace Law, newly appointed examiner of the Big Spring area rent office, will be in the office Monday and a regional OPA official will spend next week in the office here. Law is spending this week at the Lubbock district OPA office. Law succeeds Charles Sullivan, director-attorney of the office here who recently was appointed acting district rent attorney.

The Howard-Glasscock county Red Cross chapter had another contribution Thursday, this one from the immediate past president, Lt. (jg) Robert W. Whippley, who now is stationed in Memphis, Tenn. by the navy. "All the navy people I've run into speak warmly of Red Cross," said the former head of the local chapter.

Carol F. Hinners, traffic manager for American Airlines at Dallas, is a business visitor Thursday of W. B. Marshall, American Airlines terminal manager here.

Bluejacket William A. Shaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Shaw, received recognition as eligible to qualify for the petty officer rate of motor machinist's mate third class during recent graduation ceremonies at the Naval Training School located at the Naval Air Technical Training Center in Chicago, Ill. He is now awaiting active duty orders to sea or to some shore station and is now a fireman first class.

Pfc. Ioma A. Jones, primary teacher at Colorado City on leave of absence while she serves with the WAC, has been transferred from Boston, Mass., to Camp Ogilthorpe, Ga., for special training. Pfc. Jones received her basic training at Ogilthorpe and was sent to Boston as part of an anti-aircraft WAC contingent stationed there. She is the daughter of Mrs. S. A. Andrews, now of Waco.

Cub's Parents To Meet Today

The first of a series of three organization meetings for parents and prospective members of a Cub pack in the College Heights and South Ward school districts will be held at 7:30 p. m. today in the South Ward school.

Nat Shick will open the meeting and H. D. Norris will be in charge. One or both parents or guardians of boys from nine through 11, who plan to join the Cubbing program, are urged to attend. Only those boys whose parents participate can enroll in the den's originally. Additional sessions will be held Friday and Monday evenings.



Baby Given Award For Late Father

Six-month-old Buster Peek, Jr., held by his mother, is presented the Distinguished Flying Cross awarded posthumously to his father, Lt. Buster Peek of Point Rock, Tex., who was killed in action over Germany last year, from Col. H. M. Wittkop, commander of the Big Spring Bombardier School. Previously the baby had been given the Air Medal and Purple Heart for his hero father. Mrs. Peek now resides at Forsan, Tex.

French Detachment At Bombardier School Plans For Benefit Dance

Members of the French detachment at the Big Spring Bombardier School are planning for a benefit ball, proceeds of which will go to the French war prisoners fund.

The affair, which is to be held at the Settles, will be held in April, possibly about the middle of the month. Committee mem-

bers are working for a definite date.

In addition to the ball, which detachment members said would be a "very gay party," there will be a floor show with French officers and cadets cooperating in specialty and novelty numbers as well as in the singing of French songs.

Special decorations will be provided by the detachment for the occasion, and all members will join in making the affair a gala affair, said spokesmen.

Several of the young Frenchmen in training here are escaped German prisoners of war and are extremely anxious to raise some funds for the relief of their comrades who have not been so successful.

Food Items Are To Be Surveyed

A survey of selling prices and ceiling prices of several food items in 75 food stores in Howard county is to be completed this week by a survey group comprised of 17 volunteer workers, two members of Howard county war price and rationing board and the clerk of the price panel.

Object of the survey is to obtain better compliance with price control regulations, the OPA district office has announced. The survey also will serve to protect storekeepers and their customers from black market competition, said J. B. Mooney, district price official. "Price control can be effective in Howard county only if the retailers and consumers join efforts to comply with the community program. This drive will protect us from the invasion of inflationary forces."

The local workers also are checking posting of prices and grading of meat. Mrs. J. R. Manion, chairman of the price panel of the Howard county board, is chairman of the survey group. A second check is to open April 3 for purpose of determining whether corrections have been made in cases where selling prices were higher than the ceilings or other errors were found. Storekeepers found "out of line" in the second check will be required to meet with rationing board officials, it was announced. "Deliberate violations" will be referred to the district office for enforcement action.

Enforcement action will be necessary in some cases, but the main job is to help retailers and consumers to understand price regulations and to realize that 100 per cent compliance will keep down the cost of living," the district announcement said.

Postoffice Would Care For Planes

Either Big Spring's postoffice roof or backyard could be used for landing fields of airmail planes should decision be made to utilize postoffice premises for landing fields in cities of this size.

The roof probably would need reinforcement, but the only obstructions to be moved would be two skylights, said Postmaster Nat Shick. Autogyro-type planes then could be landed. The subject arose because of the plan now being considered by the Public Buildings Administration for post-war years, for landing fields for air-mail planes on top of postoffice buildings with flat tops in cities of more than 25,000 population.

The plan has been tried successfully in some large cities. Several years ago when he was en route to a National Postmasters' association convention in Washington, Postmaster Shick saw a mail plane land on top of the Chicago postoffice building.

The Big Spring postoffice has plenty of back yard space, because of the fact the postoffice was constructed near the sidewalk to save steps for postoffice visitors.

Whether the Big Spring postoffice would qualify on basis of population for an on-premises landing field should they be established is another question.

Weather Forecast

Dept. of Commerce Weather Bureau

BIG SPRING AND VICINITY: Fair and slightly warmer Thursday afternoon and night; fair and warmer, fresh to strong winds Friday.

WEST TEXAS: Fair and slightly warmer this afternoon and tonight; Friday fair, warmer in Del Rio-Eagle Pass area and east of the Pecos river. Fresh to strong winds in the Panhandle and South Plains Friday.

TEMPERATURES

City	Max.	Min.
Abilene	57	34
Amarillo	48	26
BIG SPRING	60	31
Chicago	47	42
Denver	42	26
El Paso	57	32
Fort Worth	59	39
Galveston	70	56
New York	42	36
St. Louis	53	39

Sunset at 8 p. m. Thursday; sunrise at 7:44 a. m. Friday.

Women Will Play In Special Game

A basketball game between two women's teams has been added as an attraction to the Lions-Kiwanis cage tilt ticketed for Friday at 8 p. m. in the high school gymnasium.

Receipts go to the Red Cross war fund. The Sub-Dept Engineers have agreed to participate and efforts are being made to bill the WACs in the other spot. Tickets may be secured at the gym.

Fight To Check TVA Narrowed

WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP)—The fight of Senator McKellar (D-Tenn.) to place congressional check-reins on the Tennessee Valley Authority's functions was narrowed today to a single item: A proposal that TVA be required to place its annual revenues (about \$70,000,000 a year) in the treasury general fund and hereafter obtain direct annual appropriations for its operations.

A rising senate controversy over a series of TVA amendments offered by McKellar to the pending independent offices appropriations bill was partially compromised when the appropriations committee, acting with the approval of McKellar, its acting chairman, voted to withdraw all of the amendments except that which would limit the agency's expenditures to specific amounts approved by congress.

In moving to tighten congressional control over TVA, McKellar has charged that TVA Chairman David E. Lilienthal played politics in Tennessee, an accusation which Lilienthal promptly denied. The committee also agreed to withdraw an amendment by McKellar which would have required senate confirmation of all TVA appointees receiving \$4,500 or more a year.

The remaining amendment to place TVA revenues in the treasury is expected to be voted on in the senate tomorrow.

Baptists Name New Annuitants Board

DALLAS, March 23, (AP)—The new president of the relief and annuity board of the Southern Baptist convention is Dr. Wallace Bassett, pastor of Cliff Temple Baptist church.

Others named with him at the group's annual meeting here yesterday were E. G. Brown, vice president; Carr P. Collins, vice president; Robert H. Coleman, recording secretary; Dr. George W. Truett, executive committee chairman and W. W. Marshall Craig, executive committee vice chairman. Dr. Thomas J. Watts, executive secretary, reported that the board's assets totaled nearly \$7,000,000.

Mitchell Nears Red Cross Quota

COLORADO CITY, March 23.—Mitchell county is nearing its Red Cross War Fund drive quota step by step, reports from Basil Hudson, chairman of the drive, showed Wednesday. The county, assigned a quota of \$9,200 has reported \$8,521.16 to date with Loraine \$110 over her goal of \$1500.

In Colorado City, which is approaching the top-mark of her share, members of the Texas State Guard are again taking theatrical collections after each show in local moving picture theaters through the cooperation of A. E. McClain, theater manager. Similar collections are being taken in Loraine's movie house, under direction of Percy Bond there.

Plans Made For Livestock Show

Plans are going forward for the annual 4-H club boys livestock show here Wednesday, although the crop will be limited to five calves, O. P. Griffin, county agent, said Thursday.

The calves will be exhibited and shown at the Big Spring Livestock Commission Co. and will that afternoon be put through the ring.

Despite the scarcity of entries, the Big Spring chamber of commerce agriculture committee insisted that the show be held as usual in order to reward the participating club boys for their fidelity in feeding.

Public Records

Marriage License
John R. Berens of Clark Summit, Pa., and Nelda Jeanne Kirkland of Jasper, Mo.

Robert Stripling and wife to Daun E. Ramirez, lots 4 and 5, block 4; Cedar Crest addition, \$200.

L. E. Morrow and wife to H. H. Haynes, lots 4, block 11, Earle's addition; \$3,500.

PUB RECORDS
Building Permits
Ynez Yanez, Sr., to build a small frame house at 605 NW 8th, cost \$80.

E. L. Herring to reroof and make additions at 1807 Jennings, cost \$200.

Chaplin Denies Mann Act Charge

By JAMES LINDSLEY

LOS ANGELES, March 23 (AP)—Gray-haired Charles Chaplin's answer to the government's charge that he violated the Mann act is that his motives were "legitimate, above board and honest" when he provided railroad tickets for a trip to New York by his former protégée, Joan Berry.

This was a portion of the reply by Chaplin's counsel, Jerry Giesler, to the opening statement in the government's case by Charles H. Carr, that the movie comedian engaged in intimacies with her in a New York hotel in 1942.

Giesler told the jury of seven women and five men that he would not endeavor to excuse the "propriety of any intimacy prior thereto." (The alleged intimacy in New York.) Then, Giesler added:

"We shall prove to you that any time Mr. Chaplin desired a young lady, she would consent willingly." Opening his case in which he hopes to send Chaplin to the federal penitentiary, Carr said that Miss Berry, while under contract to Chaplin's studio, repeatedly asked the actor for permission to make a trip to New York, and Chaplin persistently refused.

TO GIVE PLANE

SYRACUSE, N. Y., March 23 (AP)—The Women's International Bowling Congress announced today that it will present an ambulance plane to the United States Army Air Forces at LaGuardia Field, New York City, April 8.

Local Odd Fellow Delegates Return From Grand Camp

Ten local lodge members have returned from the grand encampment meeting in San Angelo, reporting one of the largest gatherings on record.

One Big Spring Rebekah, Mrs. Hazel Lamar, was a judge in the competitive degree work won by Fort Worth.

Other high spots of the meeting as reported by returning members, including Mrs. Velma Cain, representative of the local Rebekahs, were: Selection of Waco as next encampment site; elevation of B. A. Carter, San Angelo and member of the Big Spring canton, to the grandmastership; election of Mrs. Jane Apple, Dallas, as Rebekah president; a gain of 2,000 Odd Fellows and 1,700 Rebekahs during the year.

Odd Fellow officers named included Sherman Reed, Dallas, deputy grandmaster, Mike Veveto, Beaumont, grand warden, S. M. Williams, Dallas, secretary, H. S. Lummus, Ennis, treasurer, C. A. Wheeler, Dallas, representative to sovereign lodge. Mrs. Mattie Knauff, San Antonio was named vice-president of Rebekahs, Mary Salsberry, McAllen, grand warden and Emma King Fountain, Orange, representative to ARA. Deputy Grand Sir of World, D. D. Monroe, Clayton, N. M., attended.

Highest honor of decoration of chivalry went to V. E. Howard, El Paso, Martha Archibald, Abilene, and Nine Waters, Corpus Christi. Attending from Big Spring were Dike Talbot, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Nowell, W. L. Gilliland, W. S. Morrow, Mrs. W. L. McClain, Mrs. Unger, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Mason and his mother.

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Can	White Raisins . 35c			
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Texas Grapefruit . 6c	lb.	SPUDS 47c	
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